

REMARKS

A final Office Action was mailed on October 8, 2003. On February 9, 2004, Applicants timely filed an Amendment with petition for one-month extension, rewriting claims 1, 2, 4-17, 28-50, and 61-66. On March 2, 2004, an Advisory Action was mailed, indicating that the Amendment of February 9 was entered, that claims 34 – 50 and 60 – 66 were allowed, and that claims 1, 2, 4 – 17 and 27 – 33 remained rejected.

In order to place the present application in condition for allowance, Applicants submit the present supplemental Amendment to cancel claims 1, 2, 4-17, 28-50, and 61-66 without prejudice or disclaimer, and to cancel claims 51 – 59, which were previously withdrawn, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve full right to timely file a divisional application based on the present application and one or more of canceled claims 1 – 33 and 51 – 59, if they so choose, at a future time

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claims 34, 38, 39, 44, 46, and 60 are in condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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